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ley's proportions were better; he gave to each of his groups space as follows: Filicales, 58 pages; Muscales, 77; Fungales, 185; Algales, 156. It may be remarked also that Berkeley's order is the reverse of that adopted in the book under consideration.

There are many points which might be critically discussed in this book; naturally so, because its enforced brevity compels a summary treatment, in which the names of things are not fully given. But we have sufficiently indicated the general character of the work, which will unquestionably be very useful.—*Charles E. Bessey.*

BASTIN'S BOTANY.¹—This book is a revised and enlarged edition of Professor Bastin's "Elements of Botany," which appeared a couple of years ago. The enlargement has greatly improved what was a good book to start with, and in the volume before us we have a nicely gotten up and useful work. Following in part the older ideas, toward which there is now an evident return among botanists, the author devotes thirteen chapters to Organography, which is, in fact, the organography of the flowering plants alone. The student will be likely (unless corrected by his teacher) to get somewhat warped notions as to the vegetative organs, and the organs of reproduction in the vegetable kingdom, from these 120 pages of introductory matter.

Then follow three chapters (aggregating about 100 pages) devoted to vegetable histology, in which the cell, plant tissues, and tissue systems are discussed. About 40 pages of Vegetable Physiology follow, and the remainder of the book is taken up with a brief survey of the vegetable kingdom, from the Myxomycetes to the Spermaphytes, and two brief chapters on the succession of vegetable life. There is also a glossary of about 30 pages, and a full index.—*Charles E. Bessey.*

DYER'S FOLK-LORE OF PLANTS.²—This is not a botanical book, unless we interpret liberally that very liberal definition of botany which declares it to include "every inquiry about

¹ *College Botany*, including Organography, Vegetable Histology, Vegetable Physiology, and Vegetable Taxonomy, with a brief account of the Succession of Plants in Geologic Time, and a glossary of Botanical Leaves. By Edson S. Bastin, A.M., F.R.M.S., Professor of Botany, Materia Medica and Microscopy in the Chicago College of Pharmacy. Chicago: G. P. Engelhard & Co., 1889. 8vo, pp. xvi. 451, with 579 Figures in the text.

² *The Folk-Lore of Plants*. By T. F. Thiselton Dyer. New-York: D. Appleton & Company. 1889. 12mo, 328 pp.